Union Calendar No. 742

69TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 16656

[Report No. 1985]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 1927

Mr. RATHBONE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Library and ordered to be printed

FEBRUARY 4, 1927

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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A BILL

To establish a National War Memorial Museum and Veterans' Headquarters in the building known as Ford's Theater.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital is authorized and directed to make such alterations and repairs to the building known as Ford's Theater as may be necessary to permit the use of such building for the following purposes:

(1) As a museum for war relics and other articles of national and patriotic interest; and the director is authorized, in his discretion, to accept on behalf of the United

States articles which may be offered as additions to the museum;

(2) As a permanent repository for the Oldroyd collection of Lincoln relics purchased by the United States under authority of the Act entitled "An Act for the purchase of the Oldroyd collection of Lincoln relics," approved May 11, 1926; and

(3) Under rules and regulations prescribed by the director, as a ~~national headquarters~~ *meeting place for posts* of the Grand Army of the Republic ~~and of other veterans' organizations~~.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of $100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to cover the cost of such alterations and repairs, including the cost of preparing necessary plans, specifications, and estimates (which shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital and the Commission of Fine Arts), and the cost of personal services.

SEC. 3. Responsibility for the care, maintenance, and protection of such building is hereby transferred from the Secretary of War to the Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital, and, upon completion of the alterations and repairs authorized to be made by this Act, such building shall be known as the ~~National War~~

Lincoln Memorial Museum ~~and Veterans' Headquarters~~, and shall, together with all exhibits and other articles housed therein, be under the jurisdiction of the Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks, of the National Capital. There are authorized to be appropriated annually such amounts, to be expended under the direction of such director, as may be necessary for the care, maintenance, and protection of such museum ~~and veterans' headquarters~~ and the exhibits and other articles housed therein.

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to establish a Lincoln Memorial Museum in the building known as Ford's Theater."

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